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OUTSOURCE OF NETWORK BY GSM OPERATORS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether some GSM operators having pan − India license have outsourced their network and services to foreign companies;

(b) if so, the names of such GSM operators with the dates and nature of agreement signed with foreign telecom operators with licence rules under which these agreements were signed;

(c) whether payments of outsourced elements made by Indian licence holders to foreign companies are based on total traffic generated on eriang basis ;

(d) if so, whether such arrangements amounts to complete outsourcing of active infrastructure to foreign companies: and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the rules under which such arrangements of giving access to active infrastructure/ network to foreign companies on erlang basis is permitted in the country ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) As per the reports received from the GSM operators having pan-India license, there is no outsourcing of network, billing and any other related activities / services to outsourcing to foreign companies. However, the license agreement inter alia provides that the Licensee can always employ or appoint agents and employees for provision of the service. Under such agreements / arrangements, some of the telecom operators are only taking the support of the specialized reputed global companies.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of (a)above.